

**THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SHEO NARAIN):** (a) Rs. 3,37,000/-.

(b) Rs. 13,50,000/-.

(c) No inspection fee is charged by R.D.S.O. for work done on behalf of Indian Railways.

**Appeal on behalf of ONGC Employees Mazdoor Sabha**

212. **SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA:** Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether he has received an appeal dated 29th September, 1977 from Shri Sanat Mehta on behalf of O.N.G.C. Employees Mazdoor Sabha;

(b) whether the ONGC Employees Mazdoor Sabha had organised a week long relay fast at the various places;

(c) if so, the main reasons of the agitation; and

(d) reaction of the Government in the matter?

**THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI H. N. BAHUGUNA):**

(a) to (c). Yes, Sir. Letter dated the 29th September, 1977 from Shri Sanat Mehta, President, ONGC Employees Mazdoor Sabha requesting early settlement of payment of bonus to the employees of the Oil and Natural Gas Commission for the years 1975-76 and 1976-77, was received. The Mazdoor Sabha Workers undertook relay fasts from the 26th September, 1977 to the 2nd October, 1977 in support of their demand.

(d) A settlement has since been reached between the Unions and the Oil and Natural Gas Commission in regard to the payment of bonus for 1975-76 and 1976-77.

**Demand for connecting Howrah-Azimganj Junction with Local Trains**

213. **SHRI SASANKASEKHAR SANYAL:** Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that there is a long standing demand for connecting Howrah-Azimganj Junction on the Eastern Railway with fast local trains; and

(b) what is the Government reaction to this demand?

**THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SHEO NARAIN):** (a) Yes.

(b) For the facility of passengers 6 pairs of direct passenger trains including two pairs of express trains between Azimganj and Howrah are available. In addition 3 pairs of passenger trains are running between Azimganj and Katwa/Bandel which also provide connections for journeys for and from Howrah. One direct pair of trains runs between Bazarsau and Sealdah. There is no traffic justification for additional fast local trains between Azimganj and Howrah.

**Class IV Appointment in different Division**

214. **SHRI GANANATH PRADHAN:** Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the fact that the class IV employees appointed in different divisions of Indian Railways are not recruited from the local areas;

(b) if so, the reasons thereof, and the number of irregularities so far made from 1974 onwards in different divisions of Indian Railways;

(c) what are the present criteria of class IV appointment opportunities to the local people surrounding the concerned division; and

(d) whether the employees who work on muster roll basis are regularly appointed after they work for a period of three years if any permanent vacancy occurs in the division?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SHEO NARAIN): (a) No.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Class IV appointments are made by local recruitment. Because of the large number of casual labour (who are also local recruits) now available on all Railways, appointments in Class IV are mostly from serving Casual Labour after screening.

(d) Casual labour who have completed 120 days of continuous service are considered for absorption in Class IV vacancies. Those who have longer service get priority.

#### Railway Station Building at Kanyakumari

215. SHRI K. T. KOSALRAM: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the building estimate, as originally prepared, for the construction of the Railway station building at Kanyakumari has been considerably reduced;

(b) whether the building now proposed to be constructed differs completely from the model of the building kept in the show room; and

(c) whether Government propose to revise the building estimate as originally planned so as to be in conformity with the model, in view of the importance of the place?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SHEO NARAIN): (a) to (c). In view of the limited availability of resources, it is now proposed to construct a modest building for the railway station at Kanyakumari.

#### मद्रास के निकट जयन्ती जनता की दुर्घटना

216. श्री हुकम चन्द कछवाय: क्या रेल मंत्री वह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या निजामुद्दीन-बंगलौर जयन्ती जनता एक्सप्रेस मद्रास के निकट अक्टूबर, 1977 के पहले सप्ताह में दुर्घटना-ग्रस्त हुई थी; और

(ख) क्या सरकार ने दुर्घटना के कारणों की जांच की है, और यदि हां, तो तत्सम्बन्धी ब्यौरा क्या है?

रेल मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री शिव नारायण): (क) जी हां 2-10-1977 को कटपाडी स्टेशन पर गाड़ी नं० 132 डाउन जयन्ती जनता एक्सप्रेस, 1533 डाउन माल-गाड़ी के डिब्बे से टकरा गई।

(ख) जी हां। जांच समिति के निष्कर्षों के अनुसार, जब कटपाडी स्टेशन में 132 डाउन जयन्ती जनता एक्सप्रेस भी जा रही थी उसी समय 1533 डाउन माल गाड़ी के डिब्बे नीचे की ओर लुड़कते हुए उससे टकरा गये जिसके कारण यह दुर्घटना हुई।

#### Cycle Stand Contract at Allahabad Railway Station

217. SHRI BATESHWAR HEM-  
RAM: Will the Minister of RAIL-  
WAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether sealed tenders for allotment of cycle stand contract at Allahabad Railway station were invited by the Divisional Superintendent, Allahabad, during the month of July, 1977 and press notification to this effect appeared in Northern India Patrika including other Newspapers;

(b) whether it was stipulated in the Instructions to tenderers that tenders must be submitted up to 13.00 hrs. on 16-8-1977 and any tender re-